

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by **Representative Leon Drolet**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Drolet, Hoogendyk, Gosselin, Garfield, Sheen, Emmons and Lemmons, III.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Tobocman and Lipsey.

Chairman Drolet laid **HB 5470** before the committee:

HB 5470 Lemmons, III Controlled substances; use; use of medical marihuana under a doctor's supervision; provide for.

TESTIMONY

Tim Beck, representing the Detroit Coalition for Compassionate Care, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Don Murphy and **Penny Bacchiochi**, representing Republicans for Compassionate Access, testified and submitted written testimony in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Scott Burns, Deputy Director for State and Local Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy, testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Irvin Rosenfeld, representing Patients Out of Time, testified in support of the bill.

Laura Ann Barber, representing a C.C.C. medical patient, testified in support of the bill.

Ben Laman, representing himself, testified in opposition to the bill.

Due to time constraints the following people were unable to speak:

Tim O'Brien, representing Small Government Alliance, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Martin Chilcutt, representing himself, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Charles Snyder, III, representing the Flint Coalition for Compassionate Care, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Justin Bishop, representing the Washtenaw County Community Partnership, submitted a card and written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Richard Clement, representing MI NOAML, submitted a card in support of the bill.

The following people submitted a card and did not wish to speak:

Ginger Hoffman, representing herself, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Melody A. Karr, representing herself, submitted a card in support of the bill.

Colin Ford, representing the Michigan State Medical Society, submitted a card in opposition to the bill.

Phil Hoffman, representing the Michigan Sheriff's Association, submitted a card in opposition to the bill.

Ervin Portis, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, submitted a card in opposition to the bill.

Representative Gosselin moved to adopt the minutes of the **September 19, 2006** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyk**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Lemmons moved to excuse absent members from the committee. The motion was supported by **Representative Emmons**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Representative Leon Drolet, Chair
House Standing Committee on Government Operations
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1 Hour and 34 Minutes